

CITY COUNCIL.

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REPORTS.
Mr. WILKES brought up a report from the Finance Committee, recommending the payment of sundry accounts, amounting in the whole to £39 0s. 6d.—*Received.*
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Alderman Egan brought up a report from the Hackney Carriage Committee, the issue of certain licences.—*Received.*
Alderman Brown brought up a report from the same Committee on the removal of the public stand from George-street.—*Received.*

Alderman Broughton brought up a report from the Improvement Committee, recommending certain works in Castle-street, George, and Erskine streets.—*Received.*

Mr. PATE brought up a report from the Market Committee with reference to certain improvements deemed necessary for the George-street Market.—*Received.*

Mr. PATE brought up a report from the same Committee on certain repairs required for the Cattle Market.—*Received.*

Mr. Egan brought up a report from the Water Committee on the means of supplying the city with water in sections, and at different periods.—*Received.*

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